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Dear House Natural Resources Committee,

I am writing in strong support the Wildlife Corridors Conservation Act.

Wild Farm Alliance (WFA) was established by a group of wildlands proponents and ecological farming advocates who share a concern for the land and its wild and human inhabitants. Our mission is to promote agriculture that helps to protect and restore wild Nature. We are based in Watsonville, CA and have a national focus on agricultural sustainability. Because our organization recognizes the deeply embedded connections between food systems and ecosystems, we are gravely concerned about the impacts of climate change on both wildlife and farmers.

It is important to WFA that the Wildlife Corridors Conservation Act be implemented. Conserving wildlife corridors will help to increase the diversity and abundance of pollinators, beneficial insects and birds on farms, making farmscapes more resilient to climate change. Corridors will also support raptors and four-footed predators that reduce rodent populations on farms. Many beneficial species are in decline because of habitat loss, degradation and fragmentation. By having linkages in and adjacent to farms, beneficial wildlife are brought closer to the crops, making it easier for them to provide their pollination and pest control services. Farmers will be able to benefit from and support wildlife corridors with the passing of this Act.

Thank you for helping US agriculture address this critical subject of wildlife corridor protection.

Sincerely,

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